GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Anakapalli District – Detention of Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu, 55yrs, Kapu, Cultivation, Bylapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1404 Dated: 17-11-2025

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated:08.10.2018.
2. From the Superintendent of Police, Anakapalli District, C.No.43/NDPS Cell/AKP/2025, Dt.14.07.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Superintendent of Police, Anakapalli District has reported that adverting to the above subject, Inspector of Police, K Kotapadu circle has placed before the Superintendent of Police, Anakapalli District and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of Illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu, 55yrs, Kapu, Cultivation, Bylapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh (herein after referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances act,1988 (PIT NDPSAct,1988).

2. He is a habitual offender of illicit ganja/cannabis trafficking, and generally operates along with his accomplices. Currently, he is actively involved in the clandestine business of smuggling cannabis (Ganja) from tribal areas of Alluri Seetharama Raju District erstwhile Vishakhapatnam District. Despite facing several cases booked against him, he continues to commit offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. He engages in the purchase, storage, sale and illicit trafficking of cannabis (Ganja) in territorial jurisdiction of Anakapalli district and its neighboring districts. Therefore, the activities of the detenue pose a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people.

3. Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu, 55yrs, Kapu, Cultivation, Bylapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh does not hold any license or permit to deal with any Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985. There is a statutory ban on the production, purchase, storage, transport and sale of cannabis. Despite the ban on illicit drug traffic, Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu, along with his associates, engages in clandestine procurement, possession, transport, and sale of cannabis. The use and consumption of cannabis pose a severe threat to public health, leading to widespread danger to public lives and resulting in severe psychotic disorders. Therefore, he is involved in “illicit traffic” under Sec. 2(e)(iii) of the Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 and his actions are prejudicial to Public Health.

4. Four (04) cases were registered against Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu, 55yrs, Kapu, Cultivation, Bylapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh at different police stations in Anakapalli District. These cases are likely to be considered while issuing orders under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PITNDPS act 1988), to detain the said individual (detenue) and deter him from committing further criminal activities. The below cases under NDPS Act were

registered against Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu till date are as follows:

| S. No. (1) | Cr. No. Sec of law & Name of the Police Station (2) | Ganja Seized (in Kg's) (3) | Stage of the Case (4) |
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| 1. | Cr.No.59/2023 u/s 20(b) (ii)(c),25 r/w 8(c) of N.D.P.S. Act- 1985 of A Koduru P.S | 22kgs | Pending Trail vide NSC No.103/2025 |
| 2. | Cr.No.158/2021, U/s.20(b)(ii) (C) R/w 8(C) of NDPS Act-1985 Cheedikada PS | 10 Kgs | Pending Trial vide NSC No.35/2024 |
| 3. | Cr.No:324/2019 u/s 20(b)(ii) (c), 25 r/w 8 (c) of N.D.P.S. Act, 1985 of Kasimkota P.S. | 38 Kgs | Pending Trial vide NSC No.274/2025 |
| 4. | Cr.No:201/2015 u/s 8 (c), 20(b) 2 -c of NDPS Act of Anakapalli Town P.S. | 65kgs | Pending Trial vide NSC No.51/2016 |

5. **GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:-**

**1. Cr.No.59/2023 u/s 20(b) (ii) (C), 25 r/w 8(c) of N.D.P.S. Act - 1985 of A Koduru P.S.:**

This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of 'Ganja' for wrongful gain that occurred on 10.08.2023 at about 05.00 hrs, while the S.I. of Police, A Koduru P.S. was present in the Police Station, he received credible information about the illegal transportation of Ganja. Immediately S.I. of Police, collected the mediators and staff rushed to Pothanavalasa junction and found two persons were coming from Anandapuram side on black colour Honda DIO scooty bearing No. AP39LY5741 and on seeing Police party, the rider of motor cycle stopped the motor cycle and tried to escape from the spot. S.I. of Police, A Koduru PS caught A1 Nandula Siva Naidu, S/o Late Satyanarayana and A2 Chadalavada Pothana Rakesh, S/o Ramohan Rao. On further interrogation, they disclosed that they are close associates and they are addicted to ganja. They used to smoke ganja in the bushes at backside of Sheelanagar toll gate and they used to purchase ganja from Biharies. Now days the visit of Biharies for coolie works at Visakhapatnam has been reduced and the cost of ganja also have been increased, so both decided to purchase ganja on their own at Munchingputtu area. On 09.08.2023 they both went to Munchinguputtu area on the DIO scooty AP39LY5741 of A2 and when reached the outskirts of Munchinguputtu village they noticed one Godavari, saint smoking ganja and they both went to him and took small quantity of ganja from A-3 Godavari, saint and smoked it and asked him about the ganja, at that time the beside the one person A-4 GadiApparao S/o maridibabu, Bailapudi (v), Cheedikada (M) heard that and told that he would take them to a ganja seller, then he take them to the accused A5 Sundar @ Das, Kumbaripada Village, Jolaputt Post, Munchinguputt Mandal (absconding). Then they both met accused A5 and purchased 22kgs ganja for Rs 44,000/- and while they were returning to Visakhapatnam on their scooty along with ganja packed in gunny bag via Pedabayalu, Hukumpeta, Devarapalli and when reached Pothanavalasa junction, they were caught by Police. S.I. of Police, A Koduru P.S. arrested A.1 and A2and seized 22kgs ganja and one cell phone from their possession under the cover of mediators report duly attested by the mediators. Basing on mediators report, the investigation officer registered the above case and produced the arrested accused before Hon'ble Magistrate and sent them for judicial remand.

The accused A4 Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu was arrested on 12.08.2023 and was sent to judicial remand. Subsequently the samples were sent to REL Vishakhapatnam for chemical examination and received REL reports vide CE.No:1816/2023. The Government Chemical Examiner of Prohibition and Excise, Visakhapatnam conducted identification

test for ganja and finally he opined that the CE.No: 1816/2023 is Ganja. The accused A5 Sesa Sundar Rai @ Sundar @ Das S/o Gasi was produced before the Hon'ble court on PT warrant on 20.09.2023 and the Hon'ble court granted judicial remand to him. After due investigation the investigation officer filed charge sheet before Hon'ble MSJ Court, Visakhapatnam showing A.3 is absconding and the case is Pending in Trail vide NSC No.103/2025.

**2. Cr.No.158/2021 u/s 20(b)(ii)(c) r/w 8© of N.D.P.S. Act, 1985 of Cheedikada P.S.:**

On receipt of reliable information on 26.11.2021 at 13.00 hrs, at the threshing floor of Gadi Appa Rao at the outskirts of Bailapudi Village of Cheedikada PS limits wherein the accused A1 Ananju Kalyani, S/o Ananju, 50yrs, Tevar by caste, Kambam village, Uthamapalayam Taluka, Theni Dist, Tamilanadu State and A3 Jajimoggala Tatababu, S/o Tatababu, 40yrs, Kapu by caste, Bailapudi village, Cheedikada Mandal was arrested by Police, while accused A2 Gadi Appa Rao, S/o late Maridayya @ Maridibabu, 52yrs, Kapu, Coolie, Bailapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal was absconded and 10kgs ganja was seized under the cover of mediators report. Basing on mediators report, the investigation officer registered the above case and produced the arrested accused A1 and A3 before the Hon'ble court, then the Hon'ble court sent them to judicial custody. The sample ganja was sent to REL, Visakhapatnam for chemical examination and received REL report vide CE. No: 12/2022. The government chemical examiner of Prohibition and Excise, Visakhapatnam conducted fast blue B salt test and the test gave positive result and finally he opined that the CE.No:12/2022 is ganja. During the course of investigation the accused A2 Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Maridibabu was arrested by Kasimkota Police on 24.11.2021 in their Cr.No. 324/2019 U/S 20 (b) (ii) (c), 25 r/w 8(c) of NDPS Act and the investigation officer filed PT warrant and produced him before the Hon'ble court on 07.01.2022 and then the Hon'ble court sent him to judicial custody connecting him to this case. After due investigation the investigation officer filed charge sheet before Hon'ble Metropolitan Sessions Judge-cum-Special Court of NDPS Act, Visakhapatnam and case is Pending Trail vide NSC No. 35/2024.

**3. Cr.No:324/2019 u/s 20(b)(ii) (c), 25 r/w 8 (c) of N.D.P.S. Act, 1985 of Kasimkota P.S.:**

This is a case of illegal possession and transportation of ganja which is a narcotic drug which occurred on 02.08.2019 at 16:00 hrs, the ASI -981 of Kasimkota PS received credible information about illegal transportation of contraband Ganja. Immediately the SI made an entry in the station General Dairy and informed to Superior officers and on the instructions of his Superior Officers, ASI-981 along with staff, and two mediators left from PS and reached NH 16 road, near Goddess Nookalamma Temple, Anakapalli- Tallapalem Route, found one auto rickshaw bearing No. AP31TC9121 which is proceeding from Anakapalli and on seeing the Police who were clad with uniform, 05 persons have got down from the said auto and tried to ran away from the spot by leaving the Autorickshaw. ASI-981 caught the accused A3. Kantreddi Siva, S/o Rajubabu, 20 yrs, Kapu by caste, r/o Gompa village, Ravikamatham Mandaland seized gunny bag containing with 10 ganja packets and another plastic gunny bag containing with 9 ganja packets (total 38 kgs ganja in 19 packets, each packet 2 kgs), auto rickshaw bearing No. AP31TC9121, and one Samsung A10 model android mobile phone, one Samsung Duos phone, original C.Book of the crime vehicle auto rickshaw bearing No. AP31TC9121 and Cash Rs.940/-and arrested A3 under the cover of mediators report. Basing on the mediators report, the Investigation officer registered above case and basing on the confession of accused A3 added A1- Gariki Govindh, S/o late Apparao, r/o Gompa village, Ravikamatham Mandal, A2- Gadi Apparao, Bylapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, A4- Palla Sattibabu, S/o Ramunaidu r/o Gompa village, Ravikamatham Mandal and A-5 Yennamsetty Bhanu, S/o Prakash r/o Gompa village, Ravikamatham Mandal as absconding accused in this case.

During the course of investigation, the investigation officer arrested the accused A2-Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu on 24.11.2021 and produced him before the Hon'ble Court. The Hon'ble Court sent him for judicial custody. The samples of Ganja were sent to REL Visakhapatnam for chemical examination vide C.E. No. 2342/2019. The accused A1-Gariki Govindh, S/o late Apparao, r/o Gompa village, Ravikamatham Mandal was arrested on 03.08.2021, A4 Palla Sattibabu S/o Ramunaidu r/o Gompa village, Ravikamatham Mandal was arrested on 31.08.2021 and accused A5-Yennamsetty Bhanu, S/o Prakash, r/o Gompa village, Ravikamatham Mandal was arrested on 19.08.2021. After due investigation the investigation officer filed charge sheet before Hon'ble Metropolitan Sessions Judge-cum- Special Court of NDPS Act, Visakhapatnam and case is Pending in Trail vide NSC No. 274/2025.

**4. Cr.No.201/2015 U/s 8 (c) 20(b), 2(c) of NDPS Act-1985 of Anakapalli Town P.S.:**

On receipt of reliable information, on 22.08.2015 at 07:00 hrs at Eleru Canal, main road, Thummpala Village, Anakapalli Mandal of Anakapalli Town PS limits, wherein the accused A1-Makireddy Prasad, S/o Apparao, 28 yrs, Kapu, Auto Driver, Bailapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal was arrested while transporting 65 kgs ganja by his auto with fake number AP31Y8345 on the directions of accused A2-Gollavilli Sanjeeva Rao, S/o Rama Rao, M. Koduru (V), Madugula (M), A3-Gadi Apprao @ Nember Apparao, Bayalapudi (V), Cheedikada (M) and A4-Semusiri Demullu, S/o Appalakonda, Sagaram Colony, V.Madugula (M) were absconding. Basing on mediators report the investigation officer registered the above case and produced the arrested accused A1 before the Hon'ble court, then the Hon'ble court sent him to judicial custody. The sample ganja was sent to REL, Vishakhapatnam for chemical examination and received REL report vide CE.No. 1164/2015. The government chemical examiner of probation and exercise Visakhapatnam conducted fast blue B salt test and the test gave positive result and finally he opined that the CE. No. 1164/2015 are ganja. During the course of investigation, accused A2-Gollavilli Sanjeeva Rao, S/o Rama Rao was arrested on 08.09.2015, accused A3-Gadi Apprao @ Nember Apparao and accused A4-Semusiri Demullu, S/o Appalakonda obtained anticipatory bail from the Hon'ble Metropolitan Sessions judge court cum Special Judge at Visakhapatnam vide Cr. M.P.No. 2495/2015, dt. 14.12.2015. After due investigation the investigation officer filed charge sheet before Hon'ble court and the case is Pending Trail vide NSC No.51/2016.

6. The Ganja is being possessed and sold by him is causing widespread danger to the public health. Thus, he is involved in "illicit traffic" as classified under section 2 (e) (iii) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and acting prejudicial manner to the maintenance of public health.

7. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading by the accused Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu, 55yrs, Kapu, Cultivation, Bylapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act 1988).

8. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illicit drug Traffic activities of the detenue under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Anakapalli District and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately public order.

9. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Excise) Department under section 3(1) of the Prevention of

Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms.No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu, 55yrs, Kapu, Cultivation, Bylapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

10. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu, 55yrs, Kapu, Cultivation, Bylapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make a presentation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

11. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/ Rajamahendravaram is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHARA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam/Rajamahendravaram.
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Sri Gadi Appa Rao, S/o Late Maridayya @ Maribabu, 55yrs, Kapu, Cultivation, Bylapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District, Andhra Pradesh (Inspector of Police K Kotapadu Circle, Anakapalli District).
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Superintendent of Police, Anakapalli District.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, K Kotapadu Circle, Anakapalli District(To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
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The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
The PS to Secretary to Govt., Law Department.
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